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1. STATUS OF THREE MISSIONS PLANNED FOR AREA FY 1974: (1) EDUCATIONAL EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS (BEIRUT, KUWAIT, ABU DHABI, DUBAI, RIYADH) FULLY RECRUITED AND FIRMS STANDING BY--PROPOSE NEW TIMING APPROXIMATELY JAN 28-FEB 13 TO TAKE ACCOUNT POINTS IN PARA 2 REF (C) AND ALLOW CLEARANCE PILGRAMS RETURNING FROM HAJ; (2) WATER RESOURCES (KUWAIT, DOHA, RIYADH, JIDDA), PROPOSED DATES MARCH 27-APRIL 12 -- PLANNING COMPLETED AND READY GO TO PROCUREMENT; (3)

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COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT (KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, UAE,

BAHRAIN, QATAR UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH FINAL DECISION ITINERARY AWAITING POST RECOMMENDATIONS), MAY 1974 (EXACT DATES YET TO BE SET)--PLANNING NEARING COMPLETION AND DATE FOR START OF RECRUITING IMMINENT.

2. WE NEED EARLY DECISION ON PROCEEDING WITH EDUCATION EQUIPMENT MISSION SO FIRMS CAN BE NOTIFIED AND MAKE PLANS ACCORDINGLY. MUST ALSO MAKE EARLY DECISION ON PROCEEDING TO PROCUREMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATIONS MISSIONS IF EFFECTIVE PROMOTIONS TO BE MOUNTED. WE ENCOURAGED HERE BY VARIOUS RECENT REPORTS FROM POSTS TO EFFECT U.S. BUSINESS POSITION LARGELY INTACT AND INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSMEN OPERATING WITHOUT TROUBLE; OUR MAIN CONCERN IS POSSIBLE LOCAL BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT RECEPTIVITY TO HIGHER PROFILE, OFFICIAL GROUP SUCH AS TRADE MISSION LED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL.

3. IN ACCORDANCE JIDDA'S RECOMMENDATION REF (B) AND OTHER POSTS' CONCURRENCE MAKE REASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AROUND NOVEMBER 30, WE NOW REQUESTING ASAP POSTS' ADVICE ON PROCEEDING WITH TRADE MISSIONS PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE.
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